

BEST AVAILABLE COPY*In re Boyd*
*Serial No.: 09/997,520***AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for distributing and presenting preferred data on a display device located at a predetermined remote premise, comprising:
 - identifying a user preference;
 - providing a first communication session between a user and a host server, wherein the first communication session transfers the user preference to the host server;
 - selecting preferred data responsive to the transferred user preference;
 - providing a second communication session via a communication link between the host server and a remotely located display device, wherein the second communication session transfers the preferred data and a display control parameter to the display device and transfers an indication of one or more operational conditions of the display device to the host server; and
 - placing the remotely located display device in a presentation mode configured to present the preferred data in response to the display control parameter, the display control parameter including a time period, wherein the presentation mode of the display device displays the preferred data for a duration in accordance with the time period; and
 - at a designated time, initiating a communication session with the host server from the display device in order to receive new preferred data from the host server and to report any adverse conditions to the host server that are detected by the display device during a health status check of the display device.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a user preference comprises the selection of a digital image.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a user preference comprises the selection of a presentation duration.

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4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a user preference comprises information reflective of the location of the remote premise.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a user preference comprises estimating the number of visitors that may enter observe a periodic display of a plurality of digital images.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a user preference comprises selecting a presentation sequence when a plurality of digital images are designated for presentation.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a user preference comprises selecting an input indicative of a period over which the remote display device operates in a presentation mode.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a first communication session further results in the transfer of a display device identifier from the user to the host server.
9. (Canceled)
10. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the digital image comprises a public service message.
11. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the digital image comprises a message that describes a service.
12. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the digital image comprises a message that describes a product.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
generating a periodic statement reflective of the duration of presentation of the digital image.
14. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user preference comprises the association of a preferred time slot for the presentation of each of the plurality of digital images.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, the initiating step further comprising:
initiating a the communication session from the remote display device to the host server after execution of the presentation mode.
16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the periodic statement is reflective of a cumulative presentation time for a digital image at a user agreed digital image presentation rate.

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17. (Currently Amended) A digital image leasing system comprising:
means for collecting a plurality of digital images;
means for indexing the plurality of digital images;
means for recording information reflective of a particular customer;
means for providing a mechanism for the particular customer to communicate an image preference;
means for selecting a digital image responsive to the image preference;
means for communicating the digital image to a display device at a remote location, wherein the display device is configured to enter a presentation mode such that the display device is configured to display the digital image in accordance with an amount of time specified by a display parameter; and
means for the display device to transfer information regarding the display device, the display device being configured to initiate a communication session for receiving new digital image data and to report any adverse conditions that are detected by the display device during a health status check of the display device.
18. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising:
means for the particular customer to transfer a digital image to the collecting means.
19. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising:
means for the particular customer to request a digital image for presentation at a pre-determined location for a pre-determined time.
20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, further comprising:
means for billing the particular customer in accordance with the elapsed presentation time of the digital image, wherein a bill is issued over a periodic interval after actual presentation of the digital image.